

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

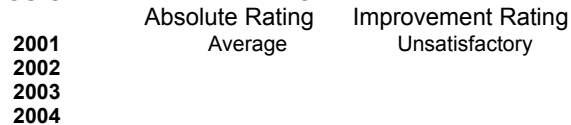
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 81.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

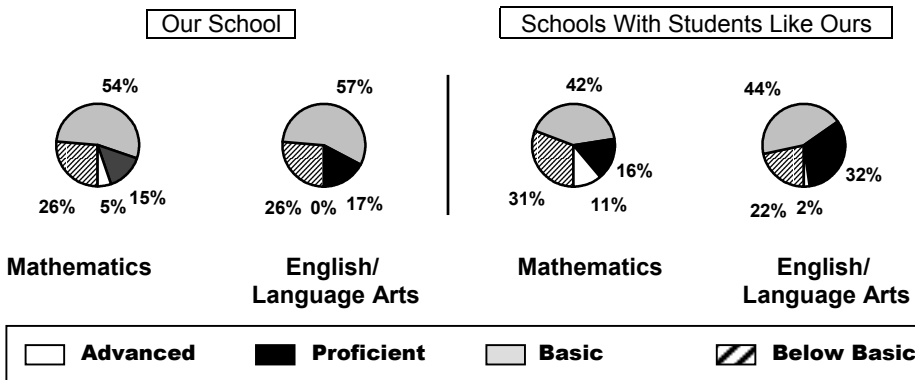
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=76)	73.7	73.7	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=74)	74.3	75.7		
Gender				
Male (n=47)	74.5	72.3		
Female (n=29)	N/A	N/A		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=74)	74.3	74.3		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=43)	65.1	60.5		
Pay for lunch (n=33)	84.8	90.9		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,665	N/A	\$5,093	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 89.9%	89.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.3 to 1	N/A	18.7 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=181)				
• Attendance Rate	96.2%	Down from 96.4%	95.9%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	4.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	100%	No change	96.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.1%	Up from 1.2%	3.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=13)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.7 Days	Down from 10.3	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.3%	Down from 96.3%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	69.2%	Up from 56.3%	46.9%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	100%	Up from 75%	84.8%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 6.3%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.6%	Down from 88.8%	88.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,602	Up 11.5%	\$37,842	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	62.9%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	4	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	86.3%	N/A	97%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	50.6%	Up from 36.6%	42.2%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1.1%	No change	1.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	12.2%	Down from 17.5%	12.8%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	2.1%	Down from 4.1%	9.4%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Goucher Elementary School's motto, "Committed to Excellence" has proven itself during this incredible school year. We have seen a group of individuals grow in confidence and surety because of the accomplishments that were achieved. When we ask "What does the future hold for us?" We reply, "Only the best!" Our accomplishments for 2000-2001 include:

*S. C. Exemplary Writing School-This honor was bestowed upon our students, parents and staff because of the outstanding writing opportunities the school community has each day. Daily, the students are involved in activities that promote student understanding for the written language. Goucher Elementary strives to "grow" writers who not only love to publish their own work but who appreciate the work of others.

*Fine Arts Enrichment Program-Students were invited to become part of enrichment clubs that included a bell choir, a recorder group and an art club. Performances were held throughout the year displaying the special talents of our students.

*Rock N' Read Program-The mission of this program is to build at-home libraries. To date this powerful program has placed over 3500 books in the homes of our children ages 3-6.

Teachers at Goucher Elementary School are committed to excellence, not only for their students, but also for themselves. This year staff development activities focused on technology, writing, brain research and reading. Currently, four teachers are working toward advanced degrees.

Goucher Elementary School has a PTO that plays an active role in the education of their children. Funds raised provided field trips for every student, academic incentives and teaching supplies.

To learn more about this exciting educational institution, visit us on the web:
www.cherokeeschoolssc.org/goucher/index.htm
Janice M. Keller, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	90.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	95.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	92.9	86.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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604 Goucher School Road
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 181 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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